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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please add the following new paragraphs before paragraph [0001]:

- [0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS
- [0000.4] This application is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/GB 2004/004055 filed on September 22, 2004.
- [0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
- [0000.8] Field of the Invention

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This invention relates to [[a]] an improved cigarette packet of box shape and of the type having a holder for cigarettes with a lid hinged thereto and normally closed and for opening to reveal the top of the holder and any cigarettes held therein, and to matches and match strikers incorporated into or used with the packet. An inherent problem for cigarette smokers is not having means to light a cigarette when the desire to smoke is present caused by forgetting to lift a packet of matches or a lighter simultaneously with the packet of cigarettes, or the matches running out or the fuel in the lighter running done.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0001]:

- [0001.4] Description of the Prior Art

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Please delete paragraph [0002].

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0003]:

[0003.4] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0010]:

[0010.4] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the cigarette packet, when closed, according to a first embodiment of the present invention, the view showing a match plate secured to a back of the holder of the packet with a cross-band adjacent to a hinge between a holder and a lid and the match heads at the bottom of the back, and two striker pads, a first provided on the lid and a second on the holder on each side of the hinge;

Page 5, please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0023]:

[0023.4] DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Referring to Figs. 1 to 8 of the drawings, a cigarette packet of the type having a holder 10 for cigarettes with a lid 12 hinged thereto and normally closed. A plate 14 of matches 16 is secured to one face of the holder 10 a ~~plate 14 of matches 16 is secured~~. The plate 14 is formed from sheet material, such as cardboard, with a series of parallel cuts to form individual matches 16 which are similarly rooted to a cross-band 22 at one end and have a hardened inflammable substance at the other end or head. The hardened

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inflammable substance of the heads 24 of the matches 16 is only a thin coating, the coating being printed thereon. Two striker pads 18, 20 are provided on the packet in a manner that they can be opposed and held together whereby the head 24 of the match 16, torn from the cross-band 22 of the plate 14, can be located between the pads 18, 20 and with the pads 18, 20 held together, the match 16 can be pulled outwardly to strike it, and ignite the substance.

Page 6, please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] In [[a]] the first embodiment as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the cigarette packet has the plate 14 secured to a back of the holder 10 of the packet with the cross-band 22 adjacent to a hinge between the holder 10 and a lid 12 and the match heads 24 at the bottom of the back. The two striker pads are provided the first 18 on the lid 12 and the second 20 on the holder 10 one on each side of the hinge. In use, the cigarette packet is opened with the lid 12 and first striker pad 18 overlying the holder 10 and second striker pad 20. A match 16 is torn from the cross-band 22 and ignited by being placed between the two pads 18, 20 and pulled from between the opposed striker pads when being held together.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In a second embodiment as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the cigarette packet has a plate 14 secured to a front of the holder 10 with a cross-band 22 adjacent to the hinge. The plate 14 has a flap 26 hinged to the cross-band 22 with a first striker plate 18 being provided on the inside face of the cross-band 22 and with a second striker pad 20 being provided on the front of the holder 10 at a position to be opposed to the first striker pad 18 when the plate 14 lies against the holder 10. In use, with the plate 14 of matches 16 held down with the two striker

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pads 18, 20 held together, a match 16 having been torn from the cross-band 22 is ignited by being pulled out from between the opposed striker pads;